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Filed: September 25, 2003)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

JP 5-165368 A, which relates to an image heating device, is mentioned in the specification (at page 4) and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. Applicants have enclosed an English language abstract for this document, obtained from a commercial database. U.S. Patent No. 5,464,964 is a corresponding English language document.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of this application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

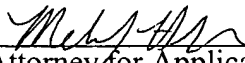
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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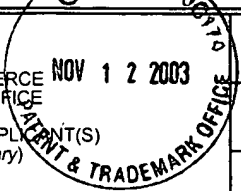
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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		JP 5-165368 A	07/02/1993	Japan			Abstract
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